

## **Civic Emergency Meeting**

### **Paving Meadow Lane**

**Saturday, August 22, 2020**

Minutes: Civic Committee Emergency Meeting: Paving Meadow Lane      Saturday, August 22, 2020    10:00 am

Call to order: 10:15. Participants: Rick Ferrell (RF), Harold Kalmus (HK), Steve Benigni (SB), Mark Wood (MW), Carol Larson (CL)

HK: Question about the use of concrete vs. asphalt in the swale to replace the slot drain.

RF: The concrete is superior in strength when trash trucks drive over the corner. 4500 psi. Downing (D) Smith (S) and McKenna (McK) all included addl. cost for concrete so that the same spec was in the estimate.

Estimates:

- McK:    \$19,200+ \$2800 additional for concrete= \$22,000
- S:        \$24,850 total with concrete
- D:        \$25,120 with concrete    \$21,450 paving \$3670 concrete

SB: Drew Hayes, the civil engineer working on the Water Quality Management Grant for Arden, recommended the concrete swale as superior to an asphalt swale.

HK:      Which company is best? Selection parameters?

RF:      The recommendation for McK came through Emily's Dad. They are doing work at Ferrells, a driveway and walkways. McK won the Amazon job in Newport at the old Boxwood site. Paving 5000 tons per year, landscape architecture, contract to abate snow at Lincoln Field. At Ferrell's crusher run base was thoroughly compacted, paved with attention to details.

SB:      What about Smith vs. Downing? Al Marks and Cheryl Regan (Ardentown) are positive on Smith, Sue Rothrock adamantly prefers Downing for reasons stated in a prior communication. There are concerns in Arden about Smith's attention to milling and drainage, Downing has more roadwork experience vs. Smith

HK:      25 yrs ago Ardentown used Downing, may have been influenced by Rich Cropper (Ardentown resident) working for the company at the time.

SB:      During the bidding process I had confidence in Downing. (Zoom feed weak, cutting out of conversation)

HK:      I'm leaning toward McK, lowest bid, Rick has connection.

RF:      I ensured that quality and specs were the same across all bids.

SB:      Smith did not mention tack coat. Can you tell if they had done this on other jobs?

RF:      Tack coat is applied over scarification prior to laying asphalt. You can't tell afterwards if it was applied.

Voting discussion:

HK:      McKenna

MW:      Prefer Downing, will go with McKenna

SB:      tending toward Downing, McKenna close second

CL:      If Rick is willing to oversee, can go with McKenna, otherwise prefer Downing

RF: Not sure how closely would want to manage. Depends on time frame and knowing the work schedule. Would be willing to spend time on site.

CL: Abstain.

RF: Got a good quote for work at his house. McK is motivated to do exert themselves for the village in order to gain future contracts, although that is probably true of all three companies.

SB: I'm good with McK if we think we can trust him.

MW: Change vote to McK

McKenna wins bid.

SB: Revise budget? Warren RosenKranz, chair of Budget committee requests a 10% drop since village has had strain on budget with higher county taxes

MW: WR is trying to lower the budget, not voted on by Village, Town Assembly. Lowering Civic budget by 10% isn't a huge amount compared to tax bite from County, Assessors (MW is an assessor) point of view is that taxes had a much larger impact.

CL: Don't lower amount, it's harder to get an increase. If we don't spend it, we can give it back to the Village.

MW: Agree, keep amount, give back excess.

SB: Keep it

Decision is unanimous.

Motion to adjourn: 10:43 am.

Carol Larson